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The Grand County Commission issued a letter [[HERE](#)] opposing the Salazar/Hayes effort to identify wilderness – the very process highlighted by Interior below.

*“Grand County would like to emphasize that a multi-lateral grass roots effort to determine which lands Congress should designate for wilderness is preferable to the process initiated by Mr. Salazar in his 6/10/2011 memo to Congress.”*

The entire Utah Congressional delegation also issued a letter [[HERE](#)] reaffirming the position of Grand County as well as 21 other counties regarding Salazar’s efforts in the state. **Secretary Salazar has not responded to the delegation letter.**



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## Media Advisory

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### **Salazar to Discuss Conservation and Backcountry Recreation in Moab**

#### *Highlight Economic Benefits of Public Lands*

MOAB, Utah—On Wednesday, Sept. 28, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar will join Moab community leaders and outdoor recreation stakeholders for a conversation on the importance of conservation and outdoor recreation in creating jobs and building strong local economies across America. During the visit, the Secretary will hear about locally-driven conservation initiatives taking place on public lands in Utah and learn how the Department can better support them.

Prior to the discussion, Salazar will visit the Mill Creek Canyon Wilderness Study Area (WSA) to learn firsthand about recommendations to preserve unique recreational and wilderness values of certain areas, such as Mill Creek, through potential Congressional action.

In June, Secretary Salazar directed Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes [to solicit input](#) from members of Congress, state and local officials, tribes and federal land managers to identify lands that may be appropriate candidates for Congressional protection under the Wilderness Act. Hayes will deliver a report to the Secretary and Congress regarding those areas that the Department believes can be the basis for a bipartisan wilderness agenda that can be enacted in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**WHO:**

Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior  
Jeffrey “Rock” Smith, Bureau of Land Management Regional Office Manager

**WHAT:**

Conversation about Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, and Job Creation**WHEN:**

Wednesday, September 28, 2011  
4:30 p.m. MDT

**WHERE:**

Location: Moab Adventure Center  
225 South Main Street  
Moab, UT 84532

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